WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

Agricultural Summary: This week brought minimal precipitation and varying temperatures to Wyoming, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The majority of the State received 0.4 inches or less of moisture this week, with many areas receiving less than 0.01 inches of precipitation. Reports from Goshen county indicated scattered showers were able to keep grazing conditions stable this week, but a forecast of high temperatures is expected to decrease irrigation water and continue to dry out pastures. Comments from multiple counties indicated the scattered showers did not provide enough moisture to improve conditions. Temperatures across the State varied this week. Daily high temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below average along the southern border to 6 degrees above average along the northern border. Daily low temperatures were 2 degrees below average this week for most of the State. Overall, daily temperatures remained slightly above average for this time of year; however, the southeastern corner remained cooler with daily temperatures 2 to 4 degrees below average. The lack of moisture increased severe and extreme drought conditions in the State - with extreme drought conditions becoming present in Uinta county. According to the United States Drought Monitor for July 1, 2021, the amount of land rated as abnormally dry was 13.7 percent, compared to 18.9 percent last week. Moderate drought was present across 30.8 percent of the State, a decrease from 36.3 percent last week. Severe drought increased 10.4 percentage points from 33.7 percent last week to 44.1 percent of the State this week. Extreme drought conditions increased from 8.7 percent last week to 9.0 percent this week. Overall, 97.6 percent of the State is experiencing drought conditions, unchanged from last week. Producers in Washakie and Hot Springs county reported range conditions are continuing to decline. Reports from Weston county indicated water sources are drying up and producers are requesting assistance with livestock, and dryland hay conditions are being reported as very poor and pastures are being described as dry and brittle. Producers in Lincoln county reported weevils are eating the first crop of alfalfa hay. There were reports from Platte county of scattered moisture, but the county is still dry and in need of substantial moisture. Platte county reported wheat is nearing harvest and other field crops are continuing to progress. Converse county reported the first cutting of hay is finishing up. Barley and winter wheat are starting to mature - barley was reported at 2 percent mature and winter wheat was reported at 12 percent mature. The second cutting of alfalfa hay is underway and was reported at 4 percent harvested, compared to 3 percent harvested this time last year. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 22 percent very short, 36 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 23 percent very short, 36 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

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